GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the number of children between the age of 6 and 14 who are out of school;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/Union Territory- wise;

(c) the number of such children at the beginning of the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) the allocation made during the Tenth Plan period for bringing all out of school children into mainstream; and

(e) the amount spent during the Tenth Plan for the purpose and the percentage of children covered during that period in each State/Union-Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c) The States/UTs on the basis of household surveys/updation identify out of school children, on an annual basis. The number of out of school children has declined from 320 lakhs in 2002 to 75.97 lakhs as on March, 2007 in 6-14 years age group. The State-wise details of out of school children as on March, 2007 as per the State reports, is given in Annexure-I.

(d) & (e) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is a programme for Universalization of Elementary Education, wherein interalia, one of the goals of the SSA is to bring all children in school/Education Guarantee Centre/Alternative schooling system. State-wise details of total central govt. releases under the SSA and expenditure incurred during 10th Plan Period is given in Annexure-II.